

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 1, 2011 at 8:13 AM, in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 351, 1/28/2011

00:00:40 Chairman McNutt
00:00:54 Ms. Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:03:31 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 351

00:04:28 Dave Aune, Vice President, Operations, Great West Engineering
00:04:53 Chairman McNutt

Granite County, Bridge

00:05:52 Maureen Connor, Granite County Board of Commissioners
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a01\)](#)
00:09:57 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

00:10:06 Ms. Connor
00:10:11 Rep. Cook
00:10:14 Ms. Connor
00:10:58 Chairman McNutt
00:11:16 Mr. Aune
00:11:32 Chairman McNutt
00:11:40 Mr. Aune
00:11:47 Chairman McNutt
00:11:55 Mr. Aune

Yellowstone County, Bridge

00:12:38 Gordon Morris, on behalf of Design 3 Engineering

Madison County, Bridge

00:13:09 Mr. Aune
00:13:23 Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Madison County
Commissioners

Carter Choteau County Water and Sewer District, Water

00:16:01 Mr. Aune
00:16:24 Craig Pozega, Great West Engineering, Engineer for Carter Choteau Water and
Sewer District
00:17:40 Damon Molinario, Director, Carter Choteau Water and Sewer District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a02\)](#)

Sweet Grass County, Bridge

00:18:57 Mr. Aune
00:19:09 Rick Reed, Sweet Grass County Commissioner

Beaverhead County, Bridge

00:20:35 Mr. Aune
00:20:47 Tom Rice, Beaverhead County Commissioner
00:21:02 Rep. Sesso left.

Carbon County, Bridge

00:22:23 Mr. Aune
00:22:33 Bill Lloyd, on behalf of Carbon County Commission

Jefferson County, Bridge

00:24:35 Mr. Aune
00:24:49 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner
00:27:36 Mr. Aune

Blaine County, Bridge

00:28:13 Mr. Aune
00:28:26 Michelle Turville, Infrastructure Specialist, Bear Paw Development Corporation

Lincoln County, Bridge

00:30:27 Mr. Aune
00:30:36 Karl Yakawich, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Lincoln County
Commission

EXHIBIT(jlh25a03)

00:31:32 Mr. Aune

City of Roundup, Water

00:32:00 Mr. Aune
00:32:10 Bob Gilbert, on behalf of Mayor Bill Edwards and Roundup City Council

00:33:11 Mr. Aune, all TSEP only, projects have been presented.

Opponents:

00:33:52 Gordon Morris, on behalf Montana Association of County Road Supervisors
00:33:25 Chairman McNutt
00:34:39 Chairman McNutt

Hill County, Bridge

00:34:52 Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering, on behalf of Hill County

EXHIBIT(jlh25a04)

00:35:38 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee

00:36:10 Dore Schwinden, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)
00:36:14 Chairman McNutt
00:36:23 Mr. Schwinden
00:36:32 Chairman McNutt

00:37:15 Break
01:06:41 Resume

Sen. Brown arrived during break.
Sen. Williams and Sen Sonju left during break.

01:06:44 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

01:07:02 Mr. Schwinden
01:07:15 Chairman McNutt
01:07:38 Mr. Schwinden
01:07:48 Chairman McNutt
01:08:08 Mr. Schwinden
01:08:12 Sen. Williams arrived.
01:08:15 Chairman McNutt
01:08:25 Mr. Schwinden
01:08:45 Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Community Development Division, COM
01:09:17 Chairman McNutt
01:09:42 Sen. Sonju returned.
01:09:53 Chairman McNutt

Fiscal Analysis:

01:10:10 Ms. Duncan
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a06\)](#)
01:17:53 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witness:

01:18:09 Anna Miller, Bureau Chief, Financial and Loan Management, Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
01:19:40 Chairman McNutt

Dry Prairie Rural Water System

01:20:01 Rep. Austin, Knudsen, HD 36, Culbertson, advocate and customer of Dry Prairie
01:22:11 Clint Jacobs, Manager, Dry Prairie Rural Water System
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a08\)](#)
01:27:15 Chairman McNutt

Questions from Committee:

01:27:21 Sen. Sonju
01:27:29 Mr. Jacobs
01:27:43 Sen. Brown
01:28:06 Mr. Jacobs
01:28:42 Sen. Brown
01:28:50 Mr. Jacobs
01:29:23 Sen. Brown
01:29:28 Chairman McNutt
01:29:31 Mr. Jacobs
01:29:40 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witness:

01:29:51 Mike Watson, Engineer Fort Peck Tribes
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a09\)](#)
01:33:55 Chairman McNutt

Questions from the Committee:

01:33:59 Rep. Ehli
01:34:41 Mr. Watson
01:35:24 Rep. Ehli
01:35:47 Mr. Watson
01:36:10 Chairman McNutt

North Central Montana Regional Water Authority

01:36:47 Mary Heller, General Manager, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority
01:37:18 Sen. Brown left.
01:41:58 Chairman McNutt

EXHIBIT(jlh25a10)

Dry Red Water Regional Water Authority

01:42:16 Gary Amestoy, representing Dry Red Water Regional Water Authority, also in support of Dry Prairie Rural Water System

EXHIBIT(jlh25a11)

01:45:42 Chairman McNutt

Central Montana Regional Water Authority (Musselshell Judith Rural Water System)

01:45:55 Mr. Aune
01:46:51 Chairman McNutt

Additional Testimony:

01:47:07 Steve Wade, representing Montana Contractors Association and Montana Rural Water Systems
01:48:05 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

01:48:46 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:
[EXHIBIT\(jlh25a12\)](#)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh25aad.pdf](#))